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Peace, security and reunification on the Korean peninsula

Letter dated 6 October 2000 from the Representatives of Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belize, Brazil, Cambodia, Canada, Chile, China, Côte d'Ivoire, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Egypt, Fiji, Finland, France, Indonesia, Ireland, Italy, Japan, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Maldives, Mongolia, Morocco, Myanmar, New Zealand, Oman, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Peru, the Philippines, the Republic of Korea, Romania, the Russian Federation, Singapore, South Africa, Spain, Swaziland, Sweden, Thailand, Turkey, Ukraine, the United States of America and Viet Nam to the United Nations addressed to the President of the General Assembly

We have the honour to request, in accordance with rule 15 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, the inclusion in the agenda of the fifty-fifth session of the General Assembly of an additional item entitled "Peace, security and reunification on the Korean peninsula". We recommend that the matter be considered directly in the plenary meeting, during the main part of the fifty-fifth session.

Pursuant to rule 20 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, we attach an explanatory memorandum (annex I) and a draft resolution (annex II).

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Annex I

Explanatory memorandum

The inter-Korean summit meeting held in Pyongyang in June 2000 and the announcement of the joint declaration, the first of its kind since Korea's division, are of epoch-making significance in improving inter-Korean relations and paving the way for peaceful reunification. Since the summit, both sides have been actively implementing the joint declaration and other agreements.

The current positive developments on the Korean peninsula will greatly contribute to international peace and security in conformity with the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations.

The Co-Chairpersons of the Millennium Summit of the United Nations issued a statement welcoming the inter-Korean summit and its follow-up measures on 6 September 2000. A considerable number of leaders of Member States expressed full support for the inter-Korean summit and the joint declaration during the Millennium Summit of the United Nations and the fifty-fifth session of the General Assembly. This reflects the global atmosphere favouring the present developments on the Korean peninsula.

Under the circumstances, a resolution adopted by the General Assembly in support of the inter-Korean summit and the joint declaration should greatly encourage the efforts to bring durable peace and reunification on the Korean peninsula and also contribute to peace and security in the rest of the world.

In this context, we have agreed to jointly request the inclusion of an additional item entitled "Peace, security and reunification on the Korean peninsula" in the agenda of the fifty-fifth session of the General Assembly and to submit a draft resolution welcoming and supporting the inter-Korean summit and the joint declaration and encouraging its full implementation. In view of the nature of the item, it is requested that the item be considered in plenary meeting.

Annex II

Draft resolution

Peace, security and reunification on the Korean peninsula

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations regarding the maintenance of international peace and security,

Convinced that inter-Korean dialogue and cooperation are essential to consolidating peace and security on the Korean peninsula and also contribute to peace and stability in the region and beyond, in conformity with the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations,

Recognizing that the historic summit meeting held in Pyongyang in June 2000 between the two leaders of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the Republic of Korea and their joint declaration represent a major breakthrough in inter-Korean relations and in realizing eventual peaceful reunification,

Commending the positive developments on the Korean peninsula taking place in the wake of the inter-Korean summit,

Recalling the statement welcoming the inter-Korean summit and follow-up measures made on 6 September 2000 by the Co-Chairpersons of the Millennium Summit of the United Nations,[1]

1. *Welcomes and supports* the inter-Korean summit and the joint declaration adopted on 15 June 2000 by the two leaders of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the Republic of Korea;

2. *Encourages* the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the Republic of Korea to continue to implement fully and in good faith the joint declaration and other agreements reached between the two sides, thereby consolidating peace on the Korean peninsula and laying a solid foundation for peaceful reunification;

3. *Invites* Member States to support and assist, as appropriate, the process of inter-Korean dialogue, reconciliation and reunification so that it may contribute to peace and security on the Korea peninsula and in the world as a whole.

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[1] See A/55/PV.4.